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Water-based coolant fluid for engine applications

Field of invention

- 5 The present invention relates to a water-based coolant fluid containing trimethyl glycine for engine applications, such as engines commonly used in automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, aircrafts, trains, tractors, generators, compressors, for various stationary engine and equipment applications, marine engine applications and the like wherein cooling systems are used.

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Background of invention

- The primary role of a coolant fluid is to remove heat and thus cool the engine. The fluid operates in a closed loop system. To provide efficient cooling the fluid must
15 have a high specific heat and thermal conductivity and low viscosity at operating temperatures which generally may vary in the range of -40°C - $+120^{\circ}\text{C}$. Typically internal combustion engines operate at approximately $+95^{\circ}\text{C}$. The fluid must keep the engine operational also at subfreezing temperatures and provide maximum freeze protection.

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Normal pressure boiling point elevation is also a beneficial property of the fluid in engine coolant applications. Enabling the coolant to remove more heat can be achieved by increasing the system pressure and thus the boiling point of the coolant which allows the coolant to circulate at a higher maximum temperature.

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- Another important property of coolants is the corrosion protection they provide. Automotive heat exchangers and their construction are well known in the art. They contain elastomeric materials, rigid polymeric materials and multiple metals including aluminium, aluminium alloys, steel, cast iron, brass, solder and copper
30 all of which may with time be dissolved in the working coolant composition within a cooling system by physical abrasion and chemical action. Automotive

manufacturers have tried to reduce car weight to improve fuel efficiency by increasing the use of aluminium in engines.

During operation of the heat transfer system many factors, particularly elevated
5 temperatures and contaminants may accelerate corrosion and because corrosion is
an oxidative process the most critical factor is the amount of oxygen in the sys-
tem. In glycol systems oxygen accelerates the oxidative degradation of the glycol
to form corrosive acids. For light-duty automotive applications where the engine
operates intermittently, the corrosion inhibitors must protect the system during
10 operation and while idle. Film-forming silicates are widely used for corrosion
protection of heat-emitting aluminium surfaces but they have the disadvantage of
reducing the heat-transfer efficiency of the coolant, and they react with time with
the glycol and any salts to form gels which may cause engine failure.

15 Cavitation corrosion is a phenomenon which relates particularly to modern thin-
walled automotive engines containing aluminium, particularly to aluminium cyl-
inder liners and water-pumps which are exposed constantly to aqueous systems
such as internal combustion engine coolants. Pitting of aluminium surfaces can be
detected and further, corrosion products and deposits can interfere with heat trans-
20 fer. Overheating and engine failure from thermal related stress are possible.

Commercially available engine coolants are generally mixtures of various chemi-
cal components and an alcohol, the preferred alcohols being selected from the
group consisting of ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, propylene glycol, dipro-
25 pylene glycol and mixtures thereof. Usually coolants contain mainly ethylene gly-
col because of foaming tendency of other alcohols, and other components com-
prise water and additional chemical compound which provide corrosion protec-
tion. Said glycols bring about corrosion problems, produce unpleasant odour and
they are rather toxic and they must be treated as hazardous waste.

Engine coolants containing inorganic components like silicates, phosphates, nitrates, borates and nitrites have problems due to inhibition depletion. The depletion of these components, particularly the silicates have led to concerns about lifetime. High solids loading from inorganic salts presents potential deposit issues.

- 5 The precipitating solids may scale and plug passages within the engine coolant systems.

Engine coolants based primarily on carboxylic acid technology have been developed. A combination of a monobasic or a dibasic carboxylic acid and a triazole
10 are used in combination with other optional additives. Triazoles are required usually for the protection of yellow metals such as copper, brass and solder.

Several methods have been proposed for improving properties of engine coolants. A combination of water soluble phosphate with tungstate, selenate and molybdate
15 for the protection against cavitation corrosion of aluminium is proposed in patent *US 4,548,78*.

US 4,404,116 teaches the use of polyhydric alcohols as corrosion inhibiting and cavitation reducing additives for coolants.
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US 4,440,721 discloses the combination of a water-soluble phosphate with a water-soluble molybdate, tungstate and selenate for providing a protective effect against the cavitation corrosion of aluminium in aqueous liquids.

- 25 *WO 00/50532* proposes a monocarboxylic acid based antifreeze composition for diesel engines. Said formulation comprises a combination of a mixture of ethylene or propylene glycol, a monobasic aliphatic organic acid, azoles, low levels of molybdates, a combination of nitrite and/or nitrate salts, polyvinylpyrrolidone, a hydroxide salt, silicates and/or siloxane stabilized silicates with transition metal
30 compounds which provide a protective effect against the cavitation corrosion of aluminium in aqueous liquids.

WO 97/31988 discloses a non-toxic heat transfer/cooling fluid containing trimethyl glycine and water for solar panels, refrigeration equipment, ventilation and air-conditioning equipment and heat pumps.

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It can be seen that the prevention of cavitation corrosion, particularly of aluminium in engine applications is a difficult task. Efforts have been made in the state of art to solve the problem by the use of alkylene glycol based formulations and dicarboxylic acid based formulations with heavy loads of additives. Said formulations result often in high solid contents, they are expensive and cause environmental problems when discarded. Based on the above it can be seen that there exists a need for a stable, non-toxic, water-based, non-glycol containing coolant fluid for engine applications with superior corrosion protection and particularly improved inhibition of cavitation corrosion of aluminium.

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Object of the invention

An object of the invention is to provide a water-based efficient, stable, environmentally acceptable non-toxic coolant fluid for engine applications with improved cavitation corrosion prevention properties.

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A further object of the invention is the use of a water-based trimethyl glycine containing fluid as a coolant for engine applications.

25 The characteristic features of the coolant fluid and its use are provided in the claims.

Summary of the invention

30 It has been discovered that an aqueous solution containing trimethyl glycine, also known as betaine, or salts or derivatives thereof, may be used as a coolant fluid in

various engine applications, such as engines commonly used in automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, aircrafts, trains, tractors, generators, compressors, in stationary engine and equipment applications, in marine engine applications, in power systems, in industrial engines, in electric engines, in fuel cell engines and in hybrid engines and the like wherein cooling systems are used, and particularly in internal combustion engines in automobiles.

Detailed description of the invention

10 The coolant fluid according to the invention containing trimethyl glycine or salts or derivatives thereof may suitably be used at temperatures ranging between - 40 - + 120°C. According to the invention, said water based coolant fluid comprises trimethyl glycine as an anhydrate or monohydrate, or salts of trimethyl glycine such as hydrochloride, or derivatives of trimethyl glycine such as dimethyl glycine, or mixtures thereof. Trimethyl glycine monohydrate is the preferable compound. Trimethyl glycine, or betaine, may for instance be produced synthetically or by extracting from natural sources like sugar beets, thus enabling the production of the water-based coolant fluid of biological origin having a favourable life cycle.

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According to the invention, the coolant fluid useful in engine applications comprises 1 to 60 % by weight, preferably 20 to 55 % by weight of trimethyl glycine as an anhydrate or monohydrate, or salts or derivatives of trimethyl glycine or mixtures thereof, and 40 to 99 % by weight, preferably 45 to 80 % by weight of water. The water used in said coolant fluid compositions is suitably ion exchanged water or tap water of drinking water quality, preferably ion exchanged water.

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The coolant according to the invention performs well even without any additives, which can be seen from the examples, but in cases where there are special requirements for engine coolant fluids, additives known in the art can be used.

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However, the amount of additives required is significantly below the amounts used in the coolants according to the state of the art.

5 Additives are selected taking into account the intended object of use of the coolant and the compatibility of the chemical compounds. Additives, such as stabilizers, corrosion inhibitors, agents for adjusting the viscosity, surface tension and pH, common in water based engine coolants, may if desired be added to the coolant fluid. Especially, compounds not harmful to the environment are used. Examples of commonly used additive/inhibitor mixtures are XLI and AFB from company
10 Chevron Texaco and additive/inhibitor mixture BAYHIBIT from company Bayer. Some suitable additives are presented in the following.

Antiabrasion agents reduce abrasion of metal components. Examples of conventional antiabrasion agents are zinc dialkyl thiophosphate and zinc diaryl dithio-
15 phosphate. Typical antiabrasion agents also include metal or amine salts of organic sulphur, phosphorus or boron derivatives, or of carboxylic acids. As examples, salts of aliphatic or aromatic $C_1 - C_{22}$ -carboxylic acids, salts of sulphurous/sulphuric acids such as aromatic sulphonic acids, phosphorous/prosphoric acids, acid phosphate esters and analogous sulphurous/sulphuric compounds, e.g.
20 thiophosphoric and dithiophosphoric acids, may be mentioned.

Corrosion inhibitors, also known as anticorrosion agents, reduce the destruction of metal components in contact with the coolant fluid. Examples of corrosion inhibitors include phosphosulphurated hydrocarbons and products obtained by reacting
25 a phosphosulphurated hydrocarbon with an alkaline earth metal oxide or hydroxide. Further, agents preventing metals from corroding may also include organic or inorganic compounds such as metal nitrites, hydroxyl amines, neutralized fatty acid carboxylates, phosphates, sarcosines and succinimides, etc. Amines such as alkanol amines, e.g. ethanol amine, diethanol amine and triethanol amine are suitable.
30 Aromatic triazoles may be mentioned as examples of corrosion inhibitors of non-iron metal type.

A surface active agent, either non-ionic, cationic, anionic or amphoteric one, may be incorporated into the composition. Examples of suitable surface active agents include linear alcohol alkoxylates, nonyl phenol ethoxylates, fatty acid soaps,
 5 amine oxides, etc.

Antifoam agents may be used to control foaming. Foaming may be controlled with high molecular weight dimethyl siloxanes and polyethers. Silicone oil and polydimethyl siloxane are some examples of antifoam agents of polysiloxane
 10 type.

Detergents and antirust agents for metals include metal salts of sulphonic acids, alkyl phenols, sulphurized alkyl phenols, alkyl salicylates, naphthenates and other oil soluble mono- and dicarboxylic acids. Very basic metal salts like very basic
 15 alkaline earth metal sulphonates (particularly Ca and Mg salts) are often used as detergents.

As examples of suitable viscosity controlling agents, all kinds of agents known in the field for this purpose like polyisobutylene, copolymers of ethylene and propylene, polymetacrylates, metacrylate copolymers, copolymers of unsaturated
 20 dicarboxylic acid and a vinyl compound, interpolymers of styrene and acrylic esters, and partly hydrogenated styrene/isopropylene, styrene/butadiene and isoprene/butadiene copolymers as well as partly hydrogenated homopolymers of butadiene and isoprene, respectively, may be mentioned.

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Antioxidants include alkaline earth metal salts of alkyl phenol thioesters preferably having $C_5 - C_{12}$ -alkyl side chains, e.g. calcium nonyl phenol sulphide, barium octyl phenyl sulphide, dioctyl phenyl amine, phenyl alphanaphthyl amine, phosphosulphurized or sulphurized hydrocarbons, etc.

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Frictional properties of the coolant fluid may be controlled by means of agents for adjusting friction. Examples of suitable agents for adjusting friction include fatty acid esters and amides, molybdenum complexes of polyisobutenyl succinic anhydride amino alkanols, glycerol esters of dimerized fatty acids, alkane phosphonic acid salts, phosphonate combined with oleamide, S-carboxy alkylene hydrocar-
 5 byle succinimide, N-(hydroxyalkyl)-alkenyl succinamic acids or succinimides, di-(lower alkyl) phosphites and epoxides, as well as alkylene oxide addition products of phosphosulphurated N-(hydroxyalkyl) alkenyl succinimides.

- 10 Suspension of insoluble matter present in the coolant fluid during use is assured with dispersing agents, thus preventing the slurry from flocculating and precipitating or depositing on metal parts.

Mineral oils act as swelling agents for sealing means, and accordingly, they have
 15 a swelling effect on the sealing means of the equipment. They include aliphatic $C_8 - C_{13}$ alcohols such as the tridecyl alcohol.

The coolant fluid may also contain other additional components such as agents for extreme boundary lubrication, additives resisting high pressures, dyes, perfumes,
 20 antimicrobial agents and similar agents familiar to those skilled in the art.

The coolant fluid according to the invention has several advantages. It prevents cavitation corrosion surprisingly well also on aluminium surfaces, the foaming of the coolant is insignificant and the coolant is chemically and thermally very stable
 25 which results in that there is no need to replace it frequently. The possible degradation products of trimethyl glycine, if any, are not corroding compounds. On the contrary, glycol based coolants are usually changed every two to five years and/or inhibitors are added because glycol degrades and the degradation products are corrosive compounds. The coolant fluid according to the invention is non-toxic
 30 and as such it may not require hazardous waste treatment when discarded.

Table I below compares the toxicity of trimethyl glycine with that of ethylene glycol and propylene glycol based on LD₅₀ values found in the literature. The LD₅₀ values used are tested orally in rats.

5 **Table I**

	LD ₅₀ /mg/kg
Ethylene glycol	4 700
Propylene glycol	20 000
Trimethyl glycine	11 200

10 Much less additives are needed if any, when compared with conventional coolant fluids. Further, additives compatible with trimethyl glycine but incompatible with glycol based coolants, can be used in the coolant fluid according to the invention.

15 Table IIa shows the effect of a fluid containing 50 % trimethyl glycine on the corrosion of various metals determined as thinning thereof at 40 °C or below:

Table IIa

Fluid	Copper, μm/a	Carbon steel Fe52, μm/a	Brass, μm/a	Red metal, μm/a	Cast iron, μm/a
50 % aqueous solution of trimethyl glycine	1.5 ... 0.5	75 ... 10	1.5 ... 0.2	125 ... 0.2	0.9 ... 0.2

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Higher values show the corrosion rate at the beginning of the tests, lower values represent the situation stabilized with time.

Table IIb shows the effect of a fluid containing 35 % trimethyl glycine on the corrosion of metals. Tap water and MEG 30% (ethylene glycol) and MPG 30 % (propylene glycol) were used as reference materials. Corrosion tests were carried out according to the test ASTM 1384 at the temperature of 50 °C in a closed container of 500 ml.

Table IIb

Fluid (without additives)	Fe37, μm/a	Cast iron, μm/a	Copper, μm/a	Bronze, μm/a	Aluminum, μm/a
MEG 30 %	51	69	0.6	1.4	4.8
MPG 30 %	51	40	0.3	1.3	18
Water	68	95	1.6	1.7	18
35 % aqueous solution of trimethyl glycine	27	61	1.4	1.9	10
35 % aqueous solution of trimethyl glycine*	0.3	22	0.3	0.3	2.4

* = with commercial corrosion inhibitor

Table III below shows the effect of trimethyl glycine on freezing points of aqueous solutions.

Table III

Fluid	Freezing point of a 50 % solution, °C
Ethylene glycol	-35
Propylene glycol	-34
Trimethyl glycine	-35

- 5 The pH of the coolant fluid keeps always above 7 as trimethyl glycine itself is a buffering substance. Without any pH-adjusting additives the pH of the coolant typically ranges between 8 and 10, with additives it may range between 8 - 11.

10 The lubrication properties of the coolant fluid are significantly better than those of corresponding glycol based coolants. Further, the boiling point of the coolant fluid under normal pressure is well above 100°C, for example of a 50 % trimethyl glycine solution it is 107 - 112 °C. The coolant fluid also has excellent anti-freeze properties.

- 15 The coolant fluid gives very good results in glassware corrosion test, hot plate corrosion test and simulated corrosion test. The pH and reserve alkalinity keep in acceptable ranges and the coolant meets foaming requirements, particle counting requirements (class 11) and elastomer compatibility requirements. The cavitation corrosion test (Double chamber test) gives very good results with cast iron and
20 aluminium.

25 The coolant fluid according to the invention can be used in various engine applications, such as engines commonly used in automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, aircrafts, trains, tractors, generators, compressors, in stationary engine and equipment applications, in marine engine applications, in power systems, in industrial engines, in electric engines, in fuel cell engines and in hybride engines and the like wherein cooling systems are used, and particularly in internal combustion

engines in automobiles and in engines and water pumps with sensitive aluminium components. The coolant fluid is also particularly suitable for protection of equipment/engines under storage and warehousing.

- 5 The invention is illustrated in the following with examples. However, the scope of the invention is not limited to these examples.

Examples

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Example 1

LUBRICATION PROPERTIES according to ISO 12156-1

- 15 Lubrication properties of aqueous solutions containing 40 wt-% and 50 wt-% of trimethyl glycine with commercial conventional inhibitor for engine coolants were compared with commercial engine coolant products containing propylene glycol and ethylene glycol using HFFR Lubrication test ISO 12156-1 at 25 °C. The lower numerical value corresponds to better lubrication properties.

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Sample	Lubrication/ μm
Trimethyl glycine 40 wt-%, additive 2 - 6 wt-%	313 - 361
Trimethyl glycine 50 wt-%, additive 2 - 6 wt-%	285 - 305
Propylene glycol 39.5 wt-%, containing additives	346
Propylene glycol 54.5 wt-%, containing additives	348
Ethylene glycol 37 wt-%, containing additives	363
Ethylene glycol 51.5 wt-%, containing additives	326

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Example 2**CORROSION TEST FOR ENGINE COOLANTS IN GLASSWARE according to ASTM D 1384**

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40 wt-% trimethyl glycine + 3 wt-% commercial inhibitor (Chevron Texaco)

<i>Test specimen</i>	<i>Mass change (mg/test specimen)</i>	
	<i>Before treatment</i>	<i>After treatment</i>
Copper	- 0.2	- 0.9
Solder	- 4.3	- 5.7
Brass	-1.2	- 2.0
Steel	0.8	
Cast iron	1.4	
Cast aluminium	13.0	10.1

<i>Coolant characteristics</i>	<i>Before test</i>	<i>After test</i>
pH	10.86	8.11
Alkalinity reserve, ml HCl 0.1 M/ASTM D 1121	1.81	1.14
Water content (%) / ASTM D 1744	55	56

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Example 3**DOUBLE CHAMBER CAVITATION CORROSION TEST according to CEC C-23-T-99**

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40 wt-% trimethyl glycine + 3 wt-% commercial inhibitor (Chevron Texaco)

SPECIMEN	WEIGHT per SPECIMEN, mg			
	Before the test	After the test and before chemical treatment	After chemical treatment	Weight change
Cast Iron (FGL 200)	M_1	m_2		$m_2 - m_1$
	137703.2	137698.1		- 5.1
Aluminium A-5S U3 Y30	M_1	m_2	m_3	$m_3 - m_1$
	50846.0	50854.2	50837.1	- 8.9

DATA of the ENGINE COOLANT	Before TEST	After TEST
pH	10.86	8.50
Reserve Alkalinity	1.8	2.19
Water Content, %	60.6	58.7

10 **Example 4****HOT PLATE CORROSION TEST according to ASTM D 4340**

40 wt-% trimethyl glycine + 3 wt-% commercial inhibitor (Chevron Texaco)

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A. Blanc test

	Test tube mass (mg)		Change ($m_4 - m_3$)
	Before preparation m_3	After treatment m_4	
Test tube 1	116524.3	116524.0	0.3
Test tube 2	115428.6	115428.4	0.2
Test tube 3	115248.5	115248.3	0.2
Sum of the changes: $S (m_4 - m_3)$			0.7
Changes average m: $S (m_4 - m_3)$			0.2

B. Corrosion speed

		30129
Plate temperature	(°C)	135
Liquid temperature	(°C)	130
Pressure during the test	(pSi)	28
Mass before test (m_1)	(mg)	107976.3
Mass after test (m_2)	(mg)	107970.0
Mass change ($m_1 - m_2$)	(mg)	-6.3
Blanc test m	(mg)	-0.2
Area	(cm ²)	18.09
Corrosion speed	(mg/cm².week)	-0.34
Quotation		4
pH before test		10.86
pH after test		8.97
New or used metal specimen		New

5 Example 5

SIMULATED SERVICE CORROSION TEST according to
ASTM D 2570-96

- 10 40 wt-% trimethyl glycine + 3 wt-% commercial inhibitor (Chevron Texaco)

Results:

Measure	Before test	After test
PH	10.85	8.00
Alkalinity reserve (mg HCl 0.1 N)	1.81	1.02
Water content (%)	60.5	60.0

TEST 1

Test specimen	Mass change (mg/test specimen)		Test specimen appearance
	Before treatment	After treatment	
Copper	+ 0.8	- 0.1	9
Solder	- 12.5	- 13.1	9
Brass	- 1.7	- 1.0	8
Steel	- 4.2		9
Cast iron	- 7.0		9
Cast aluminium	+ 17.8	+ 9.2	8

8 = Tarnished and slightly discoloured

5 9 = Slight and bright colour

TEST 2

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Test specimen	Mass change (mg/test specimen)		Test specimen appearance
	Before treatment	After treatment	
Copper	+ 0.9	- 0.2	9
Solder	- 13.1	- 12.7	9
Brass	- 1.8	- 1.3	8
Steel	- 5.0		9
Cast iron	- 7.4		9
Cast aluminium	+ 18.0	+ 8.2	8

8 = Tarnished and slightly discoloured

9 = Slight and bright colour

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TEST 3

Test specimen	Mass change (mg/test specimen)		Test specimen appearance
	Before treatment	After treatment	
Copper	+ 0.5	- 0.1	9
Solder	- 12.0	- 12.2	9
Brass	- 1.5	- 1.0	8
Steel	- 4.0		9
Cast iron	- 6.2		9
Cast aluminium	+ 14.2	+ 8.0	8

- 8 = Tarnished and slightly discoloured
- 5 9 = Slight and bright colour

AVERAGE

Test specimen	Mass change (mg/test specimen)	
	Before treatment	After treatment
Copper	+ 0.7	- 0.2
Solder	- 12.5	- 12.7
Brass	- 1.6	- 1.1
Steel	- 4.4	
Cast iron	- 6.9	
Cast aluminium	+ 16.7	+ 8.5

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Example 6

ELASTOMER COMPATIBILITY TEST according to MF T 46-013

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40 wt-% trimethyl glycine + 3 wt-% commercial inhibitor (Chevron Texaco), containing no elastomer protecting additives

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6A : Elastomer: RE 3 MVQ

		<u>Units</u>	<u>Elast. N°1</u>	<u>Elast. N°2</u>	<u>Elast. N°3</u>	<u>Results</u>
INITIAL STATE	Length	cm	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
	Width	cm	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
	Thickness	mm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Load	g	1.5801	1.6041	1.5455	1.5766
	Hardness	Pts	69	68	68.5	68.5
	Stress break	Mpa	Average (5 tests)			6.3
	Strain break	%	Average (5 tests)			151
AFTER AGEING	Length	cm	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
	Width	cm	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
	Thickness	mm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Load	g	1.5974	1.6125	1.5593	1.5897
	Hardness	Pts	64	64	65	64,3
	Stress break	Mpa	5.0529	5.2927	5.6707	5.3
	Strain break	%	136.33	146.89	160.89	148
VARIATION	Length	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Width	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Thickness	%				
	Load	%	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.8
	Hardness	Pts	1.5	0.7	0.9	1.0
	Stress break	%	- 4.5	- 4.5	- 3.5	- 4.2
	Strain break	%	- 20	- 16	- 10	- 15
			- 10	- 3	7	- 2

6B: Elastomer: RE 4 NBR

		<u>Units</u>	<u>Elast. N°1</u>	<u>Elast. N°2</u>	<u>Elast. N°3</u>	<u>Results</u>
INITIAL STATE	Length	Cm	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
	Width	cm	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
	Thickness	mm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Load	g	1.7109	1.6309	1.7163	1.6860
	Hardness	Pts	71	71.5	70.5	71.0
	Stress break	Mpa	Average (5 tests)			22.8
	Strain break	%	Average (5 tests)			405
AFTER AGEING	Length	cm	75.00	75.00	758.00	302.67
	Width	cm	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
	Thickness	mm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Load	g	1.7262	1.6466	1.7321	1.7016
	Hardness	Pts	69	70	68	69.0
	Stress break	Mpa	24.075	24.416	25.115	24.5
	Strain break	%	349.99	359.65	372.17	361
VARIATION	Length	%	0.0	0.0	910.7	303.6
	Width	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Thickness	%				
	Load	%	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9
	Hardness	Pts	0.4	1.2	1.1	0.9
	Stress break	%	- 2.0	- 1.0	- 3.0	- 2.0
	Strain break	%	6	7	10	8
			- 14	- 11	- 8	- 11

6C: Elastomer: EDPM LS1

		<u>Units</u>	<u>Elast. N°1</u>	<u>Elast. N°2</u>	<u>Elast. N°3</u>	<u>Results</u>
INITIAL STATE	Length	Cm	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
	Width	cm	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
	Thickness	mm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Load	g	1.5225	1.5041	1.5719	1.5328
	Hardness	Pts	63	63.5	63	63.2
	Stress break	Mpa	Average (5 tests)			17.9
	Strain break	%	Average (5 tests)			304
AFTER AGEING	Length	cm	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
	Width	cm	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
	Thickness	mm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Load	g	1.5313	1.5132	1.5830	1.5425
	Hardness	Pts	59	60	58	59.0
	Stress break	Mpa	12.132	16.106	15.877	14.7
	Strain break	%	219.03	263.4	281.94	255
VARIATION	Length	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Width	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Thickness	%				
	Load	%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
	Hardness	Pts	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.8
	Stress break	%	- 4.2	- 3.2	- 5.2	- 4.2
	Strain break	%	- 32	- 10	- 11	- 18
			- 28	- 13	- 7	- 16

Example 7

HIGH TEMPERATURE STABILITY TEST OF ENGINE COOLANTS according to CEC C-21-T-00

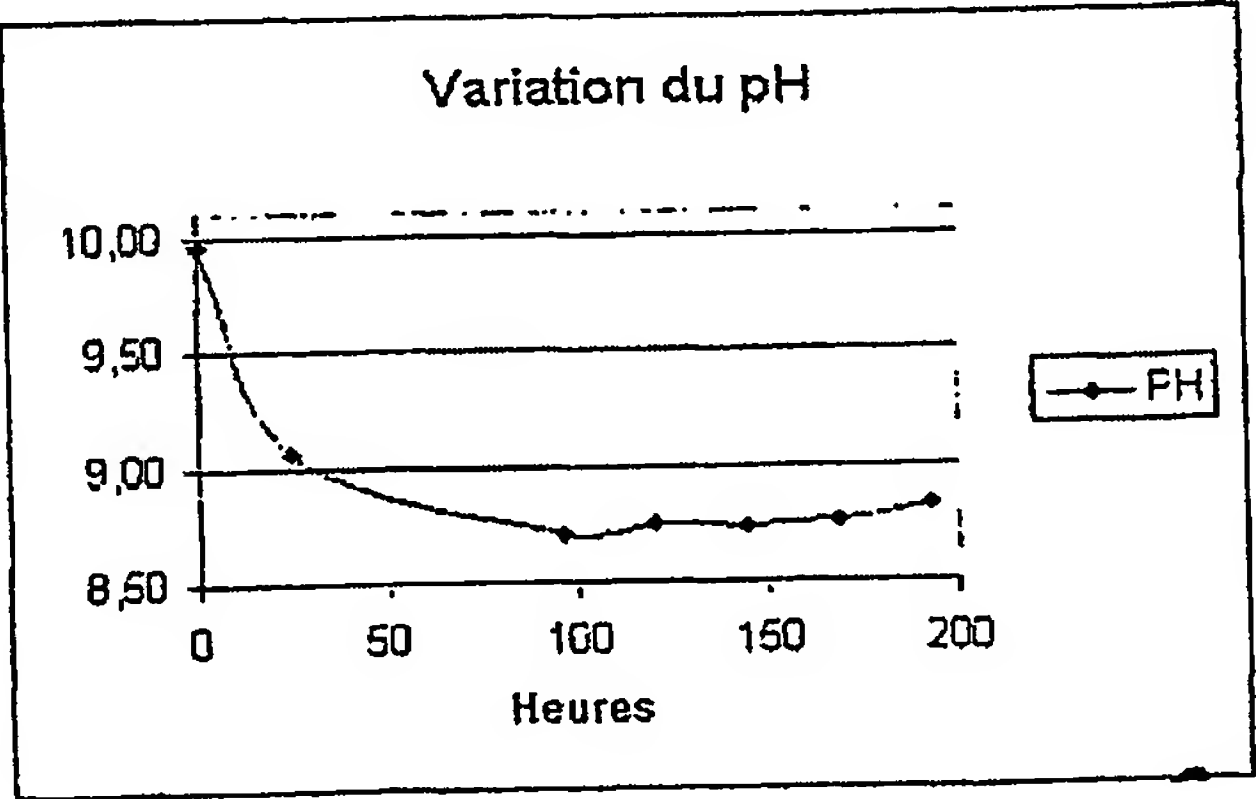
5 40 wt-% trimethyl glycine + 3 wt-% commercial inhibitor (Chevron Texaco)

RESULTS:	Container wall corrosion Evaluate the corrosion type (general or at the liquid level)	dull and slightly coloured (8); high colouring at the interface liquid/air
	Deposits content after decantation (ml)	1 ml
	Liquid coloration after test	Dark Brown
SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS		Pressure
		390 kPa

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Variation of pH:

HEURES	PH
0	9,96
24	9,06
96	8,71
120	8,75
144	8,74
168	8,76
192	8,82



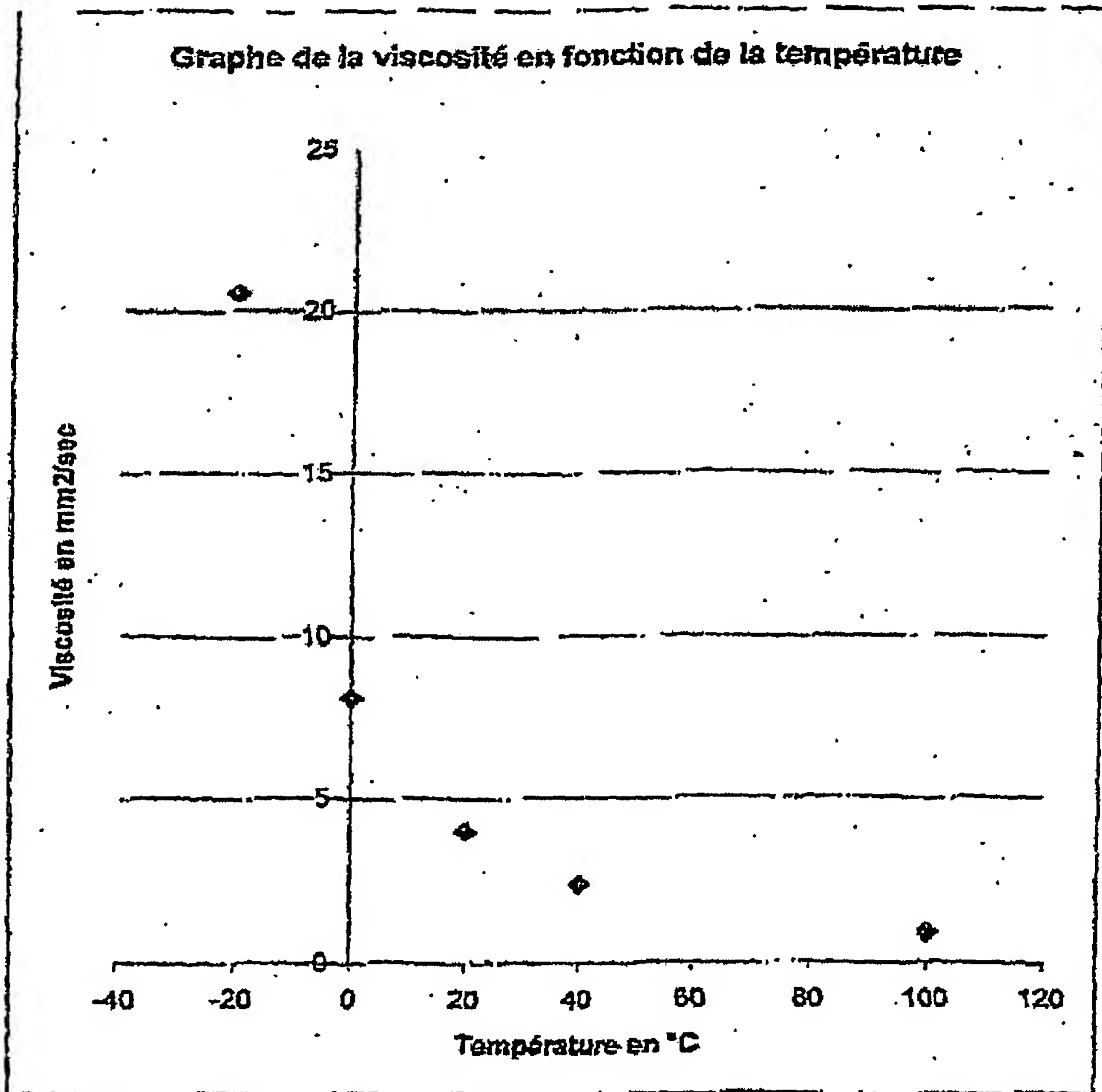
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Example 8**KINEMATIC VISCOSITY according to ASTM D 445**

- 5 40 wt-% trimethyl glycine + 3 wt-% commercial inhibitor (Chevron Texaco)

Temperature (°C)	Viscosity (mm ² /sec)
100	0.89
40	2.37
20	4.02
0	8.07
- 20	20.57



Example 9**OXIDATION STABILITY TEST according to ASTM D 943**

- 5 40 wt-% trimethyl glycine + 3 wt-% commercial inhibitor (Chevron Texaco)

Test conditions:

- 10 - 300 ml oil;
- 95°C ± 0.2 °C;
- 3 l O₂/h ± 0.1 l/h;
- Iron/copper spiral.

Results:

Hours	TAN (mg KOH/g)
0	0.01
168	0.14
336	0.25
504	0.46
672	0.67
840	0.75
1008	0.73
1176	0.80
1344	1.22
1512	3.65

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5 40 wt-% trimethyl glycine + 3 wt-% commercial inhibitor (Chevron Texaco)

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Claims

1. Use of an aqueous solution comprising trimethyl glycine as a coolant fluid and/or as a protective fluid in engine applications.
- 5 2. Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the engine applications are selected from engines used in automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, aircrafts, trains, tractors, generators, compressors, from stationary engines and equipment, marine engines, power systems, industrial engines, electric engines, fuel cell
10 engines and hybride engines.
3. Use according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the engine applications are selected from internal combustion engines used in automobiles.
- 15 4. Use according to any one of Claims 1 - 3, characterized in that the engine applications are selected from engines and water pumps with aluminium components.
- 20 5. Use according to any one of claims 1-4, characterized in that the coolant fluid comprises 1 to 60 % by weight of trimethyl glycine as an anhydrate or monohydrate, or salts or derivatives of trimethyl glycine or mixtures thereof.
- 25 6. Use according to any one of claims 1- 5, characterized in that the coolant fluid comprises 20 to 45 % by weight of trimethyl glycine as an anhydrate or monohydrate, or salts or derivatives of trimethyl glycine or mixtures thereof.
7. Use according to any one of claims 1- 6, characterized in that the coolant comprises additives.

Abstract

The invention relates to the use of an aqueous solution comprising trimethyl glycine as a coolant fluid in engine applications selected from engines used in automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, aircrafts, trains, tractors, generators, compressors, from stationary engines and equipment, marine engines, power systems, industrial engines, electric engines, fuel cell engines and hybride engines.